

### Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): A small form factor disk drive for use in an appliance, which disk drive comprises:

a connector side, a removal side, and gripping sides;

wherein the gripping sides include gripping mechanisms that are disposed along the gripping sides so that the gripping mechanisms are exposed whenever the appliance ejects the disk drive;

wherein the gripping mechanisms comprise a predetermined number of protuberances;

wherein the protuberances are disposed within the form factor of the disk drive;

and

~~The small form factor disk drive of claim 2~~ wherein the protuberances comprise an array of bumps.

Claim 6 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 5 wherein the bumps are spherical bumps.

Claim 7 (original): The small form factor disk drive of claim 5 wherein the bumps are pyramid-shaped bumps.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The small form factor disk drive of claim [[2]] 5 wherein a surface of the protuberances have high friction.

Claims 9-10 (cancelled).